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MPP proposes stricter inmate probation bill

REGULATION

Decision prompted by triple slaying of Ottawa-area women

Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

The horrific murder of three women in the Ottawa Valley last month raised questions about the probation system in Ontario after it was revealed their alleged killer refused to sign a probation order that would have prohibited him from contacting one of them.

Now the Progressive Conservative MPP for Renfew-Nippising-Pembroke, John Yakabuski, wants to change the rules surrounding the release of inmates back into the community and how they are monitored. He introduced a private member's bill at Queen's Park aimed at protecting victims of violence.

Basil Borutski was charged on Sept. 22 with first-degree murder in the deaths of 36-year-old Anastasia Kuzyk, Nathalie Warmerdam, 48, and Carol Culleton, 66. Borutski, 57, was jailed in 2014 after being convicted of assaulting Kuzyk in 2013.

He reportedly refused to sign a probation order prohibiting him both from contacting her and coming within 200 metres of her.

"That was one of the red flags that was raised when Mr. Borutski wouldn't do it," Yakabuski said in an interview Wednesday.

"It's indicative of the belief that they weren't really guilty at all and they were unfairly incarcerated and this shouldn't have happened. It's not an acceptance of their guilt, which rehabilitation requires — acceptance of one's guilt."

The Progressive Conservative MPP's bill would prohibit someone from being released into the community unless they sign their certificate of parole. Yakabuski's bill will be debated in the legislature on Nov. 5.

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MADD

New memorial sends 'powerful message'

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

A new Ottawa city memorial for victims of impaired drivers had Mayor Jim Watson recalling his own close call with a drunk driver.

City councillors passed Coun. Catherine McKenney's motion to install a commemorative marker at Ottawa City Hall's fountain near the Laurier Avenue West entrance.

MADD Ottawa, which turns 25 this year, is paying for the installation of the memorial.

Watson envisions it as a place for family members and friends to "gather and pray for their loss and reflect on what that person could have been had they not been killed by a drunk driver." It could also serve as a "powerful message" to students, he said.

> **It was my moment of divine intervention.**
> Mayor Jim Watson

Many likely don't know the story of Watson's "traumatic" accident outside St. Anthony of Padua Church in the mid-1980s — long before he was Ottawa's mayor and several years before he sat as a city councillor.

According to the mayor, the driver of a pickup truck who had been drinking at a Preston Street tavern drove through a red light and hit his car. Watson spun out of control and crashed into the church. Had there been a second's difference, police said, the driver might have struck his door.

"I said it was my moment of divine intervention," said the mayor. "The car was stopped by the church."

INSIDER INFORMATION

Proposed policy may help corporate whistleblowers

Ontario's securities watchdog says its proposal to pay corporate whistleblowers up to $5 million should provide a "powerful incentive" for those with insider information about accounting fraud, insider trading and market manipulation to come forward.

The Ontario Securities Commission boosted its proposed reward after experts deemed the $1.5 million cap it had previously suggested too stingy to adequately compensate corporate tipsters for the risks they would bear.

Often, those with insider information are senior executives who risk losing their jobs and becoming blacklisted from their industries.

The OSC program would be the first of its kind for Canadian securities regulators. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nina Vaccaro, Mellos' operating manager, is hoping an injunction and a widely spread online petition will help preserve her father-in-law's 73-year-old eatery. JOE LOFARO/METRO

Saving Mellos diner

BYWARD MARKET

Management, patrons voice outrage over forced closure

Joe Lofaro
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A popular diner in the heart of the ByWard Market that has been operating since 1942 is being forced to close its doors when its lease expires at the end of the year.

Mellos Restaurant said its landlord has decided not to renew the lease in order to make room for an expansion of Ace Mercado, a Mexican restaurant located next door that opened last year and is seeking to increase its square footage.

"The concept that they could just pull the rug under any business just because they want to just doesn't make sense to me. This has been around 70-plus years," said Mellos' operating manager, Nina Vaccaro, as patrons filled the booths during Wednesday's lunch hour.

> **We're hoping that it doesn't close.**
> Customer Lisa Ennis

"They do not need this space. They do not need to extend their restaurant. They have plenty of seats."

Vaccaro said if the landlord, Domicile Developments, doesn't renew the lease, Mellos could be shut down by Dec. 31. She is now working with her lawyer to seek an injunction to keep the Dalhousie Street diner open.

Neither Domicile nor Ace Mercado responded to multiple requests for comment on Wednesday.

"How can you do this? What are you thinking? We pay our bills on time. Business is good. We've revamped it ... We're not like a seedy place," said Vaccaro.

Supporters of the 73-year-old greasy spoon eatery have spoken out on social media with the hashtag #savemellos to voice their outrage and to rally support from residents.

Customer Lisa Ennis, who has been coming to the restaurant for about two years, ate lunch at Mellos with her family Wednesday after hearing the news.

"I know it's a big community fixture. I hope that the powers that be change their mind and they allow them to keep this spot," she said.

FURY AND REDBLACKS

Glebe turns into a red party

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

Ottawa's soccer and football fans will have no problems finding their way to TD Place for playoff season.

Just like Elgin Street turns into the Sens Mile when the Ottawa Senators make the playoffs, so too will the Glebe turn into the red party place for Fury and Redblacks devotees.

Councillors voted to install the city's first "Fury Way" and "RNation" signs at Wednesday's council meeting. They will go up sometime before the Ottawa Fury's first playoff home game on Nov. 8.

"I'm getting goosebumps at the back of my neck right now because I can't wait to get to that game and hear the Fury fans," said Coun. Jody Mitic, the city's sports commissioner. "I'm hoping the Redblacks go all the way to Winnipeg to the Grey Cup."

Fury Way will start at the Bank Street Bridge and extend down to the Queensway, while RNation will run along Exhibition Way in Lansdowne Park. The Ottawa Sports and Entertainment Group (OSEG) is paying for the temporary signs.

In just their second season, the Ottawa Fury are the number one team in the North American Soccer League's fall season, with 13 wins in 19 games. Their home games have been attracting about 6,000 fans to TD Place.

"I would not be surprised to see over 10,000 at the semi-final and maybe even higher at a final, if they make it," said Capital Coun. David Chernushenko, adding the Fury Way and RNation signs will give Glebe businesses a boost.

The Redblacks have sold out four games this year (24,000 tickets) and had near-sellouts for others. This playoff berth marks the first for an Ottawa football club since 1994.

The date of the next home Redblacks game is still to be determined, but the team will face off against the Hamilton Tiger-Cats on Sunday.

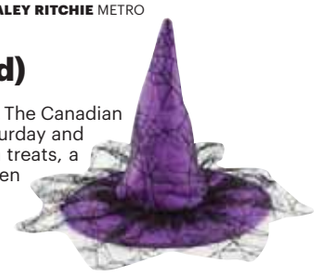
Ottawa Redblacks quarterback Henry Burris
THE CANADIAN PRESS

5 THINGS TO DO THIS HALLOWEEN WEEKEND

It's going to be a spooky week in Ottawa, so we're giving you an early taste of what's happening around the city this weekend so you can get your costumes ready and prepare for scare. Here's our pick of activities. **HALEY RITCHIE** METRO

1 Barnyard Halloween (all weekend)

Enjoy the fun of a Halloween fall farm, without leaving the city. The Canadian Agricultural and Food Museum is hosting a two-day party Saturday and Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Activities include ghoulish treats, a scavenger hunt, pumpkin decorating, a creepy craft, Halloween games and a costume parade you can join in.



2 Haunted Cumberland Historic Village (Friday)

If you're looking for an evening haunt 1900s style, head to the Cumberland Heritage Village Museum for old-school fright. Scary tours start at 7 p.m. on Friday night, but you'll need to come early if you haven't purchased tickets in advance. Cost is $10 per person and children under 13 years need an adult.

3 Halloween Party at Billings Estate (Saturday)

Ottawa has a lot of creaky aging buildings and ghost stories — the Billings Estate is hosting their own Halloween bash to introduce kids to Ottawa's haunted past. On Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. there will be trick-or-treating and games in miniature, haunted versions of Ottawa's landmarks.

4 Ottawa Cat Show (all weekend)

You don't need to be a practising witch to bring your feline companion to the Ottawa Valley Cat Club's annual show, taking place Saturday and Sunday at the Nepean Sportsplex. There will be cat grooming workshops, judged awards and a prize for best-dressed Halloween kitty and cage.

5 Centretown Pumpkin Carving Contest (Friday)

The fourth annual Centretown Public Carving Contest takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at McNabb Community Centre on Friday. Bring a pumpkin and some ideas — treats and carving tools are supplied. Costumes are encouraged and there will be a contest at the end of the night for best-looking Jack-o'-lantern.

Yasir Naqvi, Ontario Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, explains a draft regulation for public input that would prohibit the random and arbitrary collection of identifying information by police, referred to as carding or street checks, at Queen's Park in Toronto on Wednesday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Province to ban random carding

HUMAN RIGHTS

New rules would limit interactions with public

Ontario is proposing new regulations that would ban the random stopping of citizens by police — known as carding — and require officers to provide a written record of any such exchanges.

Community Safety Minister Yasir Naqvi said the draft regulations, which were posted online Wednesday for 45 days of public comment, would establish clear and consistent rules to protect civil liberties during voluntary interactions between police and the public.

"We believe that random and arbitrary stops to collect personal information based on nothing more than the colour of one's skin are illegitimate, disrespectful and have no place in our society," said Naqvi.

"Simply put, the regulation will end the practice of street checks and carding in Ontario."

The government has heard from too many people of colour and aboriginal men and women who said the Human Rights Code was being ignored by police who stopped them for no apparent reason, added Naqvi.

"Whether you are a brown man in Brampton, or an aboriginal woman in Thunder Bay or a young black man in Toronto: we heard you, and we heard your lived reality, and we are taking action today," he said.

Police would not be allowed to stop people based on how they look, but there would be "narrow exemptions" in the regulation to cover routine traffic stops, when someone is being arrested or detained.

"The regulation makes it very clear that police officers cannot stop you to collect your personal information simply based on the way you look or the neighbourhood you live in," said Naqvi.

If the regulation is passed, police would have to inform citizens of the reason they are being stopped, and tell them they don't have to engage in conversation with the officers.

"The police officer must explain to you that the interaction is voluntary and you have the right to walk away," said Naqvi.

"The officer must also provide to you a written record of the interaction, along with information about the officer and how to access the police complaints system and the information collected."

Police wouldn't have to provide these written records when officers talk to people informally at community policing events where there is no intention of recording the information.

The New Democrats welcomed the draft regulations, but said they needed time to examine the details of what Naqvi was proposing.

"I personally have been stopped a number of times in an arbitrary and discriminatory fashion and I can tell you this is a practice that has been going on and we're hoping these regulations actually end it," said NDP justice critic Jagmeet Singh.

"I'm troubled that it took the government so long to move on it, but I am encouraged that there is movement on it now."

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Naqvi wouldn't say what would happen to the personal information of Ontario residents already gathered through carding that is now in police databases.

But he said any information found to have been collected improperly will be moved to databases accessible only by chiefs of police, and would eventually be destroyed after concerns about possible lawsuits have expired.

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Parties aplenty for Halloween

BACKSTAGE PASS

A Metro guide to the best bashes in the city and beyond

Trevor Greenway
Metro | Ottawa

Cornwall's The Alison Wonderland Band plays the Great Pumpkin Charity Ball at the St. Brigid's Haunted Castle. CONTRIBUTED

"Double, double toil and trouble;

Fire burn and cauldron bubble."

William Shakespeare knew how to party on Halloween. Does Ottawa? Judging by the amount of fear fetes popping up around the city, we really do.

If you are still roaming about looking for trouble, Metro has you covered with our spooky Halloween party guide, featuring everything from a Prince-themed party to an all-out soulful séance in the nation's capital.

Double Barrel x Timekode x 2nd Halloween Annual
When: Oct. 30
Where: Mercury Lounge
Cost: $10

If you were at Mercury Lounge last year for Halloween, you need not read the rest of this article, as you are likely heading back again for more soulful sweets and treats that DJs Zattar and Memetic will be handing out. Timekode is always a blast, but toss in some spooky sights, creepy costumes and twisted tunes and you've got one hell of a witches' brew cooking up.

Purple party
When: Oct. 31
Where: Black Sheep Inn
Cost: $10

Wanna party like it's 1999? You really can with a Prince-themed party at the Black Sheep Inn in Wakefield, courtesy of Ottawa's The Hornettes and Chelsea's Bella Cat. The Hornettes will perform an hour's set of their favourite Prince songs.

Bump in the night
When: Oct. 31
Where: Ritual Nightclub
Cost: $15 in advance, $20 at the door

If you're looking more for a little bump and grind, then your best bet is to hit Ritual Nightclub on Oct. 31 for their Haunted House III: Rated R Edition. These guys are pulling out all the stops for their spook fest with five DJs on two levels. Oh, and Ritual will be handing out unlimited candy all night for those who want to get all hopped up on sugar and feel like a kid again.

Great Pumpkin Charity Ball
When: Oct. 31
Where: St. Brigid's Haunted Castle (St. Brigid's Church)
Cost: $40

Who knew that a Halloween party could raise over $60,000? That's what has been happening for the last nine years at the Great Pumpkin Charity Ball, where costumed crusaders have been opening their wallets for the Canadian Cancer Society, the Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing and the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Venture down the rabbit hole with The Alison Wonderland Band while DJ Dynamix will take you deep and dark downstairs in the disco dungeon.

Dawn of the Deadbeats
When: Oct. 31
Where: Kaffe 1870
Cost: Free

And while I have your attention, I may as well shamefully plug my own Halloween event my alter ego DJ BeatScience is throwing up in the Gatineau Hills. The Dawn of the Deadbeats party at Kaffe 1870 in Wakefield will be a night of pure fun. I've enlisted the help of another DJ, Wolf, and his visual director T-Claude to help blast the night into oblivion. Expect everything from club beats to nu disco, indie dance, house and hip hop.

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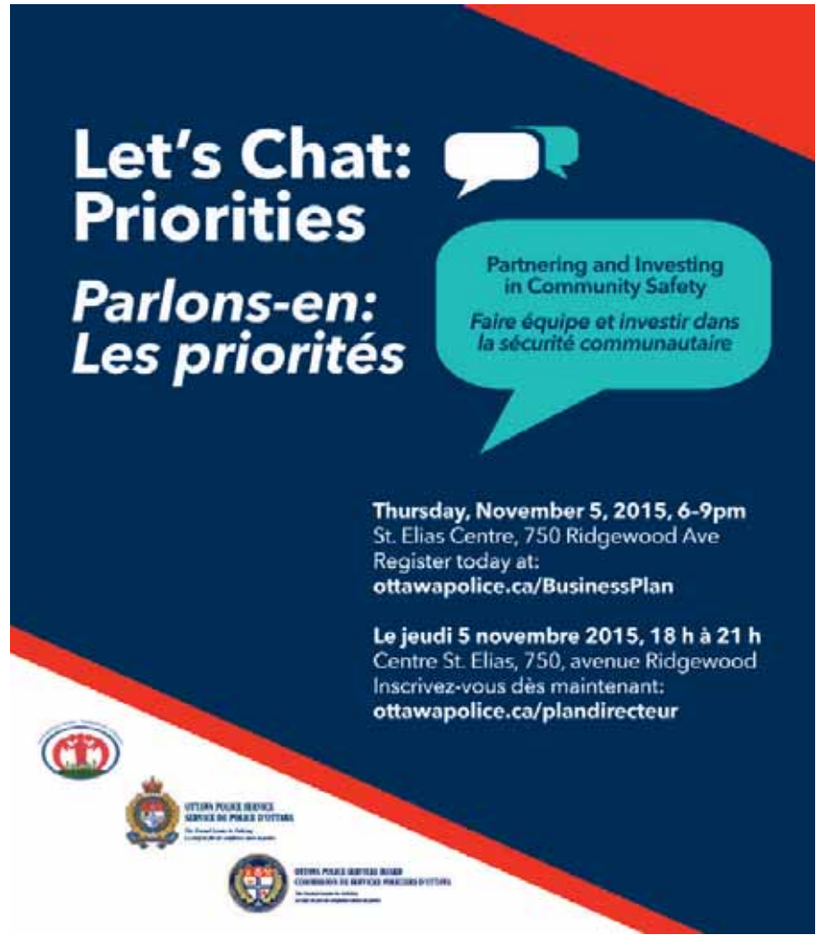
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Downtown Ottawa was a wet, cold and windy mess Wednesday afternoon when a nasty storm system moved up from the United States. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

WEATHER

Ottawa tastes edge of hurricane Patricia

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Residents of Ottawa felt the remnants of Hurricane Patricia on Wednesday, with dark skies, downpours, high winds and an icy chill making it a miserable day to be outdoors.

Record rainfall and high winds were forecast Wednesday evening as a massive storm front moved north from the United States. Earlier in the week, Hurricane Patricia was upgraded to a category five storm before touching down and wreaking havoc in Mexico.

Texas experienced severe flooding as the storm moved up, but as the system moved northward to Canada on Wednesday morning, rainfall had lightened up.

The Great Lakes area, including Toronto, received a heavy rainfall warning from Environment Canada. Wind gusts around 70 km/h, and around 90 km/h near the shorelines were predicted.

There was heavier rainfall in Southern Ontario, which gradually got lighter as the storm moved north.

By the time the storm hit Ottawa, it had lost some of that ferocity. The area received between 25 to 40 mm of rain along with strong gusting winds according to Environment Canada. High winds are expected to last until Thursday.

While downtown Ottawa transformed into slick streets with rivers in the gutters, tourists still struggled with selfies and reversed umbrellas on Parliament Hill.

A dozen pedestrians were struck by cars in Toronto when the storm passed through during rush hour. In Ottawa, police said collision numbers were below normal despite the rain and wind.

IN BRIEF

Twelve-storey 'landmark' building approved

Without any debate, Ottawa city council approved a controversial 12-storey "landmark" building on Wednesday.

The Mizrahi Developments redesign will now go before the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) in early November. The OMB had previously ruled the building could be taller than the nine-storey limit as long as the top three floors confusingly boasted an "element of wow" — something that could turn the tower into a "landmark."

Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson said the building is an appropriate replacement for an abandoned garage.

"You'll always have people who, you know, think it's not a big enough landmark or it fits the bill," he said, "but I think it's a very impressive building and I think it's going to be a nice addition to that corner."

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Centralization costs: Report

PUBLIC POLICY FORUM

Public trust in governments undermined by lack of balance

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

Canada's public institutions are being undermined by an "extraordinary degree of centralization" leading to an erosion of trust in the political system, according to a grim new report by the Public Policy Forum.

But fear not: renewal is possible.

Time for a Reboot: Nine Ways to Restore Trust in Canada's Public Institutions was written by a five-person panel, including former Quebec premier Jean Charest and former Clerk of the Privy Council Kevin Lynch. It paints a dismal portrait of the country's political institutions.

Its premise, said panel chair and former Alberta treasurer Jim Dinning, is that the public service, the cabinet ministers, the prime minister's office, Parliament and the political service (staffers) are like five legs of a stool.

Those legs have gotten unbalanced, primarily due to the centralization of power in the prime minister's office at the expense of cabinet, Parliament and the public service, he said. A similar trend is occurring in the provinces.

"All five of us are heavily experienced, and have suffered the highs and lows of some of the things that we described in this report," Dinning said. "And we all know that Parliament and our governments can run so much more effectively."

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Wynne wants receipts from teachers

EDUCATION

Unions must show how $2.5M payout spent, premier says

Premier Kathleen Wynne says the government has not yet given teachers' unions $2.5 million to help cover the cost of negotiations, and will now require receipts to show how the money is spent.

Wynne surprised the legislature by saying the teachers' unions will have to provide an accounting of their costs for negotiations, even though Education Minister Liz Sandals had insisted receipts were not necessary.

Wynne says there were savings elsewhere in the contracts with unions representing high school teachers, English Catholic teachers and French teachers to offset the government's move to pick up their costs for the negotiations.

The Progressive Conservatives are complaining that Wynne's story about the payouts keeps changing, and say they still want to know where the money came from.

The Tories want the auditor general to look into a total of $3.74 million the government paid unions representing teachers and education workers over the past three rounds of bargaining.

Wynne says the auditor general is free to look at anything she likes, and insists no money was taken from classrooms or student programs to pay the unions.

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Premier Kathleen Wynne says teachers' unions must account for cost of negotiations. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS

CURRICULUM

Cuts to French hours have parents worried

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board has been reaching out to parents this month with four public consultations and online surveys detailing major changes to the way French is taught in classrooms across the city.

The changes include teaching 50 per cent French in JK, introducing 60 minutes of English in Grade 1 and teaching math only in English in French immersion schools.

The board says the new measures would make the system more accessible and help to identify students who are struggling.

A number of parents whose children will be affected by the change disagree.

"We signed up for a program with a certain number of French hours, and what they're proposing significantly cuts back on those hours," said parent Jennifer Hirst.

"Why water down the French in the early grades? Learning multiple languages at an early age is really good — I think most people who are multi-language speakers would agree," she said.

She said she wants to see longer consultations for such a big change, especially since the teachers' strike has had an impact on parent-teacher communication.

"We chose the French immersion program to get our kids speaking fluently in French quickly," said parent Dan Clavel.

"These proposals would add two hours of English to a five-hour learning day. I'm concerned that if we add too much English in there the kids are going to forget they're supposed to learn to speak conversational French," he said.

Nadia Towaiji, the board's superintendent of instruction, told Metro last week that introducing English in Grade 1 and having one language for math can help identify children who might have learning disabilities and need extra help.

Hirst and Clavel both attended public consultations, and said they'd like to see more evidence of that issue before changing the program.

In the meantime, they're encouraging parents to contact trustees with concerns.

The changes proposed would come into effect in the 2016-2017 school year if approved by trustees on Nov. 17.

IN BRIEF

CEGEP classes to resume following bomb threats

Students and staff at five CEGEP campuses in West Quebec will head back to class Thursday morning after police finished investigating bomb threats.

Gatineau police said they found a suspicious package at Heritage College in Gatineau on Wednesday, but later confirmed in a press release that it was "under control." An investigation into who made the call about the bomb threat is still ongoing.

Gatineau police said they received the call around 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday.

Three campuses with the CEGEP de l'Outaouais, plus the Heritage College campus in Litchfield were affected.

Students and staff evacuated the buildings pending investigations.

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Brazeau dodges jail with discharge

COURT

Assault, drug case behind him, senator vows to win back job

Sen. Patrick Brazeau said Wednesday he's focused on getting back to the upper chamber "as quickly as possible" after a Quebec judge agreed to grant him an unconditional discharge on assault and drug charges.

The decision means Brazeau avoids the prospect of jail time and even a criminal record, despite having pleaded guilty to the charges in September.

"This nightmare, I've been living with this for two-and-a-half years and it's finally over," Brazeau said outside the courtroom in Gatineau, Que., after the decision came down.

Partway through the trial, Brazeau pleaded to reduced charges of assault and possession of cocaine, while the more serious charge of sexual assault was dropped due to a lack of evidence.

Quebec Court Judge Valmont Beaulieu read a lengthy decision that outlined why he agreed with the joint recommendation of the Crown prosecutor and Brazeau's lawyer, who urged him to grant a discharge.

> **I'm going to focus on my other Senate case, and I have no problem saying I'm very confident I will win that case.**
> Sen. Patrick Brazeau

The victim did not make a statement to the court before the sentencing.

Beaulieu emphasized certain extenuating circumstances, including that Brazeau had lived for several months under the cloud of being accused of sexual assault, and that the victim did not suffer any injuries.

He also noted a Supreme Court judgment that outlined how a person's public position can subject them to additional media scrutiny and public shame.

Brazeau still faces a criminal trial for fraud and breach of trust arising from his Senate living expenses, scheduled to take place in March 2016. The trial of Sen. Mike Duffy, which involves similar issues, is set to resume next month.

Brazeau was kicked out of the Conservative caucus after he was charged and put on leave with pay. Months later, he was suspended without pay over the expenses issue along with Duffy and Pamela Wallin, but that suspension was lifted when Parliament was dissolved for the federal election.

Brazeau remains on leave with pay from the upper chamber, and his salary is being clawed back to repay nearly $50,000 in disallowed housing expense claims.

Brazeau, said he intends to sit as an "independent, First Nations" senator. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sen. Patrick Brazeau speaks to reporters in Gatineau, Que., Wednesday. Brazeau has been granted an unconditional discharge after pleading guilty to assault and cocaine charges in September. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

UN talks fuel climate task

Each day this week, Metro is taking an in-depth look at some of the immediate items on prime minister-designate Justin Trudeau's to-do list. Today, we examine his plan to tackle climate change.

An ice floe floats on a lake in front of Solheimajokull glacier in Iceland earlier this month. Prime minister-designate Justin Trudeau, in attacking climate change, needs to bring policies and people together, according to expert Mark Jaccard. THIBAULT CAMUS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

A potentially generation-defining international conference in Paris begins less than a month after Justin Trudeau becomes prime minister.

The UN conference on climate change, which begins Nov. 30, will see countries try to negotiate post-2020 targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

However, according to at least one climate policy expert, Trudeau won't actually have to do much there.

"Internationally, he's got it made because he's not Stephen Harper, so he will be loved," said Mark Jaccard, who is also a professor at Simon Fraser University's School of Resource and Environmental Management in Burnaby, B.C. "All he has to do is sound enthusiastic and say we'll do our part."

During the election campaign, Trudeau committed to attending the Paris climate conference and bringing the premiers with him. In his first post-election press conference last week, Trudeau said he had already spoken with a number of premiers about attending the conference, and that "Canada's years of being a less-than-enthusiastic actor on the climate change file are behind us."

The hard work really begins after Paris.

Trudeau also promised to hold a first ministers' meeting within 90 days to create a "pan-Canadian framework" for combatting climate change, including national emissions reduction targets.

Jaccard, who served on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and on Canada's National Roundtable on the Environment and the Economy, said there's more provincial will to tackle the problem than in the past.

For example, in the era of the Kyoto Accord, then-prime minister Jean Chretien had "an antagonistic government in Alberta, an almost disinterested government in Quebec, and Saskatchewan and B.C. were not that keen," Jaccard said.

Now, Quebec has a cap-and-trade system. Ontario says it's negotiating its way in to link with Quebec and California. B.C. has a carbon tax, and Alberta has promised more action on greenhouse gases.

"The solution now to bring everybody under the same system is to ensure that it doesn't inadvertently become a tool of redistribution," Jaccard said. "(Trudeau) will have to figure out how to mesh divergent policies, bring laggards into some kind of national system, and then start to have binding cap requirements that make sense in terms of global goals."

The Liberals would give the provinces flexibility to set their own carbon pricing systems.

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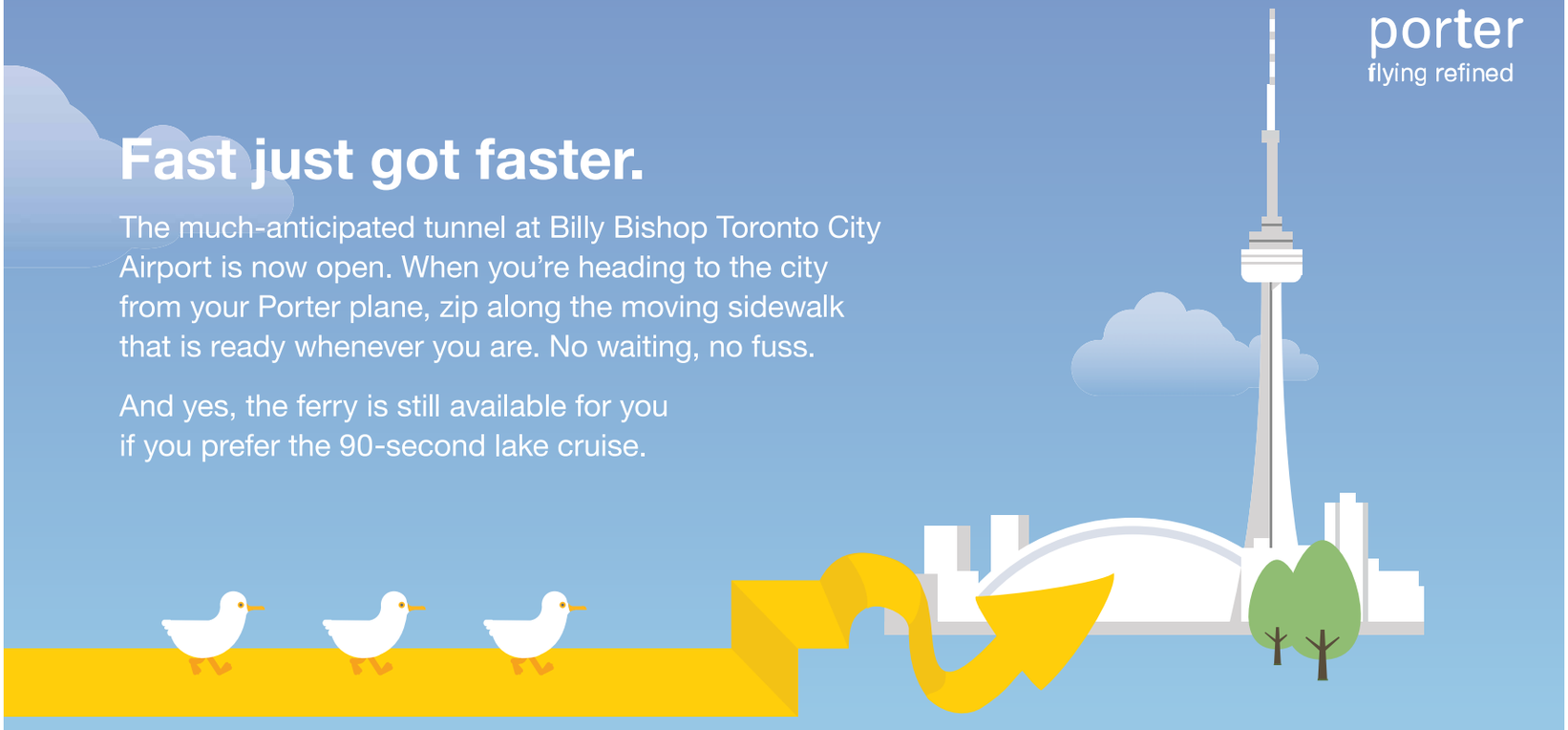

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Two decades later, movement still alive

QUEBEC REFERENDUM

Former premier calls sovereignty 'logical'

One thing on which sovereigntists and federalists can agree some 20 years after the 1995 referendum is that the Quebec independence movement — in one form or another — will likely never go away.

Prominent sovereigntists say their side — the Yes side— would have won if the federal government had stayed away and not tried to help the No campaign, particularly regarding the controversial Unity Rally in Montreal three days before the Oct. 30, 1995 vote.

Federalists, meanwhile, argue the defeat of the Yes side in 1995 — and in the preceding referendum of 1980 — is due to a stubborn-yet-obvious reality: Canada's flexible, federal system works.

"There will continue to be a group of people in Quebec who want to separate and we need to respect that and understand that," said former Quebec premier Jean Charest, who was the leader of the federal Progressive Conservative Party of Canada in 1995.

"But the country works. There is the government of the day and there may be the leaders of the day but in the end there is our country — the resilience of the country itself."

Sovereigntist former Quebec premier Bernard Landry, however, says there is an equal-yet-opposite, obvious reality. Six months before the 1995 vote the Yes side was at 39% in the polls, Landry said, "And a few months later we were at 50 per cent.

"Today, the polls say sovereignty is at 40 per cent support. The idea of Quebec independence is extremely powerful and logical. If sovereignty comes back in the news and we have a good campaign I think Quebec will have its place at the United Nations."

What new flashpoint could trigger a resurgence of support for sovereignty is anyone's guess, but events leading up to the last referendum were due to several specific failures, explains John Parisella, chief of staff to two Quebec premiers and a strategic adviser to the No campaign.

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau failed to get Quebec's signature on the constitution in 1982, which led to another failure by prime minister Brian Mulroney years later to pass the Meech Lake Accord, which was a series of proposals to assuage Quebec's frustrations with the federalist system.

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Harper to resign as PM next week

POLITICS

Trudeau's swearing-in to take place on Nov. 4

Prime Minister Stephen Harper will formally step down next week, just before Justin Trudeau's Liberal government takes office.

Rideau Hall says Harper visited Gov. Gen. David Johnston right after the election and said he would resign as prime minister in the wake of last week's Liberal majority victory in the federal election.

A spokesperson says Harper will quit Nov. 4, just prior to the swearing-in of Trudeau's Liberals, which is scheduled to take place that same day.

Harper has been prime minister since February 2006.

Moving trucks have been at the prime minister's residence at 24 Sussex Dr. as the Harper family prepares to move back to Calgary.

Harper, meanwhile, has been making calls to defeated Conservative MPs and ministers.

He has said he intends to remain as MP for the riding of Calgary Heritage in order to keep an eye on the party's future.

That's not unusual. Paul Martin remained an MP for two years after his Liberals lost power to Harper. John Diefenbaker, Conservative prime minister from 1957 to 1963, remained as an MP for 16 years after his government was defeated.

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Outgoing Prime Minister Stephen Harper. THE CANADIAN PRESS

STUDY

Disasters breed rumour in the social-media age

A wildly inaccurate rumour flashed through social media in the panicked aftermath of the Boston Marathon bombings because police did not provide information on the suspects for days, a new study concludes.

Identifying and refuting falsehoods early with clear and strong information is the best way to ensure truth wins out when terrorism or war strikes, says the research report prepared for the Canadian government.

If that doesn't work?

Fight a rumour with a sensational counter-rumour.

The study on the generation and debunking of untruths, commissioned by Defence Research and Development Canada, was recently completed by Humansystems Inc. of Guelph, Ont. The findings could influence the Canadian military's thinking on information-related tactics.

When a gunman killed a soldier at the National War Memorial on Oct. 22, 2014, false reports began circulating in cyberspace about armed accomplices and more shots ringing out.

At least four major rumours quickly turned up on social media such as Twitter when two brothers detonated pressure cooker bombs a year earlier near the finish line of the Boston Marathon, killing three and injuring more than 250.

"Rumours may have propagated to the extent they did because they were believable and helped to make sense of the situation," the study says.

> **Believability of a rumour increases when accompanied by attached photos.**
> DRDC study

As a result, the authors say, a rumour that a woman running the marathon was killed before her boyfriend could propose at the finish line was believable because such proposals are relatively common and it served to make sense of the question, "Who were the victims?"

Similarly, a false suggestion an eight-year-old boy running the marathon was killed helped "put a face to the victims."

Another rumour incorrectly blamed the bombing on U.S. Navy Seals, though some were present that day and were seen in photographs.

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HALLOWEEN

Calgary parent frustrated by school's costume rules

Calgarian Natalie Hjelsvold is frustrated with the restrictions her son's elementary school has placed on his Halloween costume: no masks, no props and nothing scary.

"They don't have a definition of scary, they just don't want costumes that will frighten the kindergarten children," said Hjelsvold. "Well, what scares one kindergartner is like a joke to the next one. Who makes that distinction?"

These rules are not uncommon in schools run by the Calgary Board of Education (CBE) — principals set the costume policy, so Halloween is celebrated in a variety of ways throughout the board.

Because students may come from a range of different backgrounds and experiences, the CBE said: "It is also not uncommon for schools to ask students to avoid wearing costumes which are violent in nature or might limit the mobility of students."

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Trials start in preschool for black people in U.S.

RACE RELATIONS

Kids suspended more often than white students

Until she attended a five-year-old's birthday party, Tunette Powell was not inclined to blame her problems on the colour of her skin.

Her four-year-old son JJ had been suspended three times from his Nebraska preschool, twice for throwing chairs and once for spitting. She didn't think it was a good idea to suspend tiny kids, but she thought it was normal.

Then, sitting in a living room last March as JJ played with his pals, she got to talking with a group of white moms.

"They were shocked that my kid was being suspended. Even with the reasons," said Powell, 29. "They said, 'Well, my kid hit someone in the face and that kid had to go to the hospital, and all I got was a phone call.' They kept on telling me all the things their kid was doing. And at some point it was like, 'What else could there be?'"

"They kept on telling me all the things their kid was doing. And at some point it was like, 'What else could there be?'"
Tunette Powell

The month of the birthday party, the U.S. Department of Education released a set of figures that confirmed Powell's suspicions. Black children made up 18 per cent of the country's public preschool students but 42 per cent of the students suspended, 48 per cent of the students suspended more than once.

This week's viral video of a South Carolina police officer violently throwing a black high school student to the ground has reignited the U.S. discussion of the "school-to-prison pipeline": the zero-tolerance policies, discretionary "defiance" suspensions and cops-in-schools programs and that push kids, especially black kids, into the criminal justice system.

Last year's government report led some advocates to start using an amended phrase: "preschool-to-prison pipeline." The harsh discipline — and the disproportionate discipline — starts not long after kids are done potty training.

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DESPERATE MEASURES

MORE MIGRANTS DIE IN TRANSIT

At least 11 people, including many children, died in five separate incidents in the eastern Aegean Sea on Wednesday as thousands continue to travel from Turkey to the Greek islands in frail boats.

The Greek Coast Guard reports that 242 people were rescued near the eastern island of Lesbos after the wooden boat they travelled in capsized, but at least three people died in the sinking.

Rescuers continue to search the rough waters for more survivors, but it's unclear how many people were on the boat when it sank.

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INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Oral sex causing genital herpes

Two-thirds of the world's population under 50 (more than 3.7 billion people) have oral herpes, according to the World Health Organization's first-ever global estimate for the prevalence of the virus.

The UN health agency adds that about 140 million people have been infected genitally by the oral herpes virus worldwide.

The findings, published Wednesday in the journal PLOS ONE, suggest people are getting genital herpes from oral sex.

The traditional belief that herpes type 1 is above the waist and type 2 is below is changing; a 2012 study in the Canadian Journal of Infectious Diseases & Medical Microbiology found that 63 per cent of genital herpes cases analyzed were caused by the type 1 virus. Another 2003 study, also in Nova Scotia, found that herpes type 1 was the dominant virus causing genital herpes.

"It really reflects behavioural changes."
Dr. Vanessa Allen

"I think what's really interesting about this is it really reflects behavioural changes," said Dr. Vanessa Allen, chief of medical microbiology with Public Health Ontario.

"As sexual practices change — and part of that is because people are trying to have safer and safer sex — there's some hypothesizing that this may lead to more oral sex."

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MIDDLE EAST

Military budgets feed corruption: Watchdog

The ever-growing defence budgets and poor oversight of militaries in the Middle East make them susceptible to corruption and vulnerable to extremist violence, a watchdog group warns.

A report released by London-based Transparency International comes at a time of multiple conflicts in the region, including the fight against the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria, Syria's civil war, Libya's militia chaos and a Saudi-led coalition's air campaign against Shiite rebels in Yemen. Those conflicts fuel military budgets. Last year, the 17 countries stretching from Morocco to Iran spent more than $135 billion on their militaries, it said. The report did not include Israel or the Palestinian territories. "Defence corruption really, really seriously undermines the legitimacy of defence institutions," said Katherine Dixon, Transparency International's director of defence and security.

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NASA

Routine lube job, in space

NASA's yearlong spaceman, Scott Kelly, chalked up his first spacewalk Wednesday just hours before he sets a record for the nation's longest trip off the planet.

Kelly found himself repeatedly wiping away grease while lubricating snares on the tip of the International Space Station's big robot arm. The job was more time-consuming than expected and couldn't be completed.

"It's so messy," Kelly said.

Kelly and fellow spacewalker Kjell Lindgren spent seven hours outside tackling a long overdue list of maintenance chores. In addition to the lube work, they routed cable for a future docking port, removed insulation from an electronic switching unit, and covered an antimatter and dark matter detector.

Thursday morning, Kelly will break the American record for NASA's longest single space shot. That 215-day record — more than seven months — was set in 2007. Kelly has been living at the orbiting lab since March. He is to remain there until March 2016.

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Scott Kelly. GETTY IMAGES

UNITED STATES

Injured grandfather tells court of police encounter

An Indian man hurt in a police encounter testified Wednesday he didn't understand instructions from an Alabama officer accused of violating his rights by throwing the grandfather down hard enough to cause a spinal injury.

Sureshbhai Patel took the stand in the retrial of Eric Parker, testifying through an interpreter that he doesn't speak English. Jurors watched police video that shows an officer knocking Patel's legs out from under him and pushing him face-first to the ground. While Parker denies intentionally hurting Patel, Gov. Robert Bentley already has apologized. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bidhya Devi Bhandari waves after being elected president of Nepal in the country's capital Kathmandu on Wednesday.
NIRANJAN SHRESTHA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A milestone for Nepal

POLITICS

Parliament elects nation's first female president

Nepalese lawmakers elected a longtime women's rights campaigner to become the country's first female president Wednesday, as the nation pushes for more gender equality in politics and work life.

Bidhya Devi Bhandari, the 54-year-old deputy leader of Nepal's Communist Party of Nepal Unified Marxist-Leninist, had lobbied actively for the new constitution to require that either the president or vice-president be a woman.

Nepal has been trying to shift from a traditionally male-dominated society, where women are mostly limited to working at homes or on farms, to one in which women have equal access to opportunities and legal rights.

Lawmakers cheered as Bhandari's name was announced as the new president. An ally and party colleague of Prime Minister Khadga Prasad Oli, Bhandari had been considered the favourite for the largely ceremonial job.

Bhandari said her election — by a vote of 327-214 against Congress party leader Kul Bahadur Gurung — marked a first step toward assuring the new constitutional guarantees of equality are fulfilled. The constitution, adopted last month, also requires that one-third of the country's lawmakers be women, and that women be included in all government committees.

Bhandari replaces President Ram Baran Yadav, who was elected in 2008 for a two-year term that was extended when efforts to draft a new constitution stalled over seven years.
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BACKGROUND

Bhandari emerges as leader in 1993
Bidhya Devi Bhandari has been a leading political figure since 1993 when her husband, Communist leader Madan Bhandari, was killed in a car accident. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Paul Ryan to vote for bipartisan budget bill
Rep. Paul Ryan, expected to be the next House speaker, says he'll vote for a bipartisan budget bill even though he thinks the process that produced the measure "stinks." A House vote is expected Wednesday on legislation that settles fights over defence and domestic spending, and federal borrowing until early 2017. Ryan says the budget deal includes "meaningful reforms" to strengthen safety net programs such as Social Security and gives the military money it needs. Still, Ryan is unhappy with the secretive, top-level process, and says he'll operate differently as speaker.
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NIGERIA

Over 300 Boko Haram captives freed

Nigerian troops have rescued 338 captives, almost all children and women, from Boko Haram camps in a northeastern forest, the military said Wednesday.

Thirty extremists were killed Tuesday in attacks on two camps on the fringes of the Islamic insurgents' holdout in Sambisa Forest in Nigeria, according to a Defence Headquarters statement.

Separately troops ambushed and killed four suspects on a bombing mission in northeastern Adamawa state, it said.

Nigerian troops have rescued hundreds of Boko Haram captives this year but none of the 219 girls kidnapped from a school in Chibok town. Their mass abduction in April 2014 sparked international outrage against the extremists and Nigeria's government for failing to rescue them. It highlighted military and government failures in fighting the six-year-old Islamic uprising that has killed an estimated 20,000 people and driven 2.3 million from their homes, according to the UN and Amnesty International.

Those failures and massive corruption led Nigerians to vote out President Goodluck Jonathan and elect former military dictator Muhammadu Buhari in March.

Earlier this year, troops from Nigeria and Chad forced Boko Haram out of a swath of northeastern Nigeria where Boko Haram, which is allied with the Islamic State group, had declared an Islamic caliphate.

Buhari has promised to halt the uprising by December. Nigeria's homegrown extremist group has responded with a relentless campaign of suicide bombings in the country, as well as in the neighbouring countries of Chad, Cameroon and Niger. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOMBARDIER

Rumours spur lift in sagging shares

Hopes for a government bailout prompted a surge in Bombardier shares on Wednesday ahead of what is expected to be gloomy third-quarter results.

The Quebec government declined to confirm published reports suggesting that it will announce Thursday a financial contribution to bolster the embattled transportation giant's strained cash levels.

Several media reports, all citing sources, didn't specify whether the province or Quebec's biggest pension fund manager, the Caisse de depot, would buy Bombardier shares or make some other form of financial contribution.

The Quebec-based company's stock gained strength on the Toronto Stock Exchange as the trading day progressed — closing up 11 per cent in heavy trading — but still worth far less than a year ago.

Government ministers declined to comment on the reports. But Quebec's two main opposition party leaders welcomed an expected government contribution — either through an equity investment or convertible debt. Bombardier employs nearly 18,000 people in the province, contributes to exports and bolsters innovation.

Earlier, analyst Benoit Poirier of Desjardins Capital Markets said he doubts the province will make an equity investment in Bombardier Inc., given the 62 per cent drop in the company's stock price this year.

Poirier says he suspects the province could help Bombardier by investing $1 billion to $2 billion in Bombardier Transportation to avoid a planned IPO to sell a minority stake in the rail division, or by providing favourable financing to customers that buy Bombardier Aerospace CSeries planes.

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LITIGATION

Speculation of a possible joint venture to complete development of the CSeries comes as the Toronto Transit Commission board decided at a meeting Wednesday to sue Bombardier over late delivery of streetcars.

Canine costumes a lucrative business

DOGS

Four-legged social media celebs drive market growth

Wally the Welsh corgi used to get dressed up to go trick-or-treating for Halloween, often as a banana, once as a dinosaur.

But Wally, owned by Marc and Cynthia Dalangin of Wharton, N.J., doesn't go trick-or-treating anymore. Like a lot of busy dogs, he has too many other engagements. And as a budding Instagram celebrity, he needs a wardrobe full of costumes to choose from.

As dogs have filled their social calendars, they've had to fill their closets too. They're not just dressing up once a year on Halloween. These days, dogs and their owners are getting invited to parties, parades, meetups, pumpkin patches, picnics, Christmas tree farms and many other themed outings.

As a result, canine costumes have become more than just something dogs wear once to a party. It's essential for dogs and cats who are up-and-coming social media celebrities to have a varied wardrobe. With "likes" and followers growing faster than speeding bullets, their fans want new photos all the time.

Two years ago, Wally left the banana costume behind when he underwent a lifestyle and wardrobe makeover. Now he dresses like Elvis Presley and Michael Jackson, and has become a rising star on Instagram, with 63,000 followers.

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Wally's transformation coincides with the pet costume industry's coming of age. And business is booming.

The National Retail Federation estimates that 20 million pet owners will dress their pets this Halloween, spending $350 million on the costumes.

The online marketplace eBay had 1.5 million pet costumes for sale on Oct. 21 out of 800 million items listed for sale, said Zoher Kapu, vice-president of global optimization and data for eBay.

Pet costumes represent two per cent of Costume SuperCenter's sales. The company sells nothing but costumes and accessories on eBay and other sites.

"There does not seem to be a ceiling on what people are willing to spend on their pets," said Michael Esposito, the company's marketing director.

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FACEBOOK

CEO defends free Net access

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg defended his company's contentious efforts to expand Internet access in the developing world during his second visit to India this year.

The company's free platform offering a basic level of Internet access via Android devices has been introduced to 24 countries and has amassed about 15 million users, mostly in Africa and Asia, Zuckerberg said at a meeting Wednesday with students.

He said it could help alleviate poverty in India by providing information to the poor and contributing to development of the economy.

The platform known as Free Basics was developed in conjunction with other technology companies and has brought a mixed response from governments and analysts. Many criticize it for lacking transparency in how information is selected for the site and favouring Facebook's own services over those of competitors.

Zuckerberg rejected the criticism as a luxury of those who can afford access to the Internet. He said limiting content on the Free Basics platform was necessary, because "you cannot provide the whole Internet for free." It was initially known as Internet.org.

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg interacts with technology students in a town hall-style meeting in New Delhi, India, Wednesday. SHIRISH SHETE/PRESS TRUST OF INDIA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

There are about 300 million people using the Internet in India, including 130 million using Facebook, making India the company's second-largest user base behind the United States.

But there are still about 1 billion Indians with no Internet access.

"We deeply care about servicing the Indian community and giving them the best tools. That's why I want to be here," said Zuckerberg.

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EMMA TEITEL: ON RESEARCH FATIGUE

It seems every day the news produces a study indicating our life choices will result in illness or untimely death — followed directly by a contradictory report.

"Find what you love and let it kill you" is a quote attributed to Charles Bukowski (though no one knows whether he actually said it) and a mantra recited by starving artists who pursue their passion in the face of poverty. This week though, it could be the mantra of bacon lovers.

Bacon is one of the most adored foods on the planet, but its gradual effects, according to new findings by the World Health Organization, are potentially cancer-inducing. According to WHO, which analyzed evidence linking the consumption of processed meats like bacon, hotdogs, and sausages to cancer, a "50 gram portion of processed meat eaten daily increases the risk of colorectal cancer by 18 per cent."

You might think, well big deal, bacon never had a great reputation to begin with (its image is synonymous with obesity, heart attack, and Homer Simpson) but consider this: 50 grams of processed meat isn't even close to a Homer Simpson-sized portion. In fact, 50 grams of bacon amounts to roughly only two slices — and who can honestly eat less than two slices of bacon?

Nobody. This is why the WHO findings have gone astronomically viral, inspiring doom-laden headlines at an alarming rate, some of which include: "Bacon kills?" and "Put down the hotdogs and salami." Coupled with this bacon scare is additional bad news for processed meat lovers: Clear Food, a lab that analyzes food "at a molecular level," recently released a study indicating two per cent of the hotdogs they tested contained human DNA. (Great news: Your love of processed meat may not only kill you; it may also turn you into a cannibal).

So what is the truth? If you don't eat bacon every day, you are probably OK.

BAD BREAKFAST? Though people may be initially put off by the idea of a plateful of carcinogens, they tend to return to their regular habits a short time after damning research is publicized, studies show. EJWHITE/ISTOCK

In other uplifting public health news this month, a meat sauce sold in Ontario and Quebec grocery stores was recalled because it may contain dangerous bacteria.

It seems every day the news cycle produces a study indicating that our life choices will result in illness or untimely death — followed directly by a contradictory report or article explaining why the original study is inaccurate, overblown or misguided.

Take the recent influx of news stories about senior citizens who — contrary to the WHO finding — have lived long, happy lives chock full of bacon. According to USA Today, 116-year-old Susannah Mushatt Jones "keeps a steady diet of bacon, eggs and grits for breakfast," and hangs a sign in her kitchen that reads "Bacon makes everything better." Processed meat won't give you cancer; it will make you immortal!

I don't know about you, but I find this public-health news cycle extremely confusing and exhausting. It's a feeling I've dubbed "research fatigue," and I'm probably not the only person suffering.

"They've actually done studies to show that people start to tune out when they hear these alarmist headlines about 'everything causes cancer,'" says Tim Caulfield, University of Alberta professor and Canada Research Chair in Health Law and Policy. "If the message is too confusing and too conflicting, people stop listening. These conflicting stories make it hard for people to hear the truth through the noise."

So what is the truth? If you don't eat bacon every day, you are probably OK. Caulfield says it's important for people to understand the difference between "relative risk" and "absolute risk."

"Your absolute risk of being diagnosed with colon cancer throughout your lifetime is 4 per cent to 5 per cent," he says. This means excessive bacon eating, according to the WHO finding, can increase your risk of cancer by "18 per cent out of 4 to 5 per cent." In those terms, "the absolute increase in risk isn't really that much," says Caulfield.

The sad thing is that even when people aren't affected by research fatigue — i.e. when they do try to change their eating habits, they rarely succeed. "There may be a momentary shift," says Caulfield, in which people eat healthier, but "after a little bit of time they regress back to their old behaviour."

For now, the bacon train seems to be chugging along just fine. Andrew Motta, owner of Toronto restaurant Bacon Nation, home of the "peanut butter bacon milkshake," says he has received no complaints from customers worried about the WHO finding. In his words: "You hear bacon is bad today and next week, it's going to be 'nine healthy reasons you should eat bacon.' You've just gotta take it with a grain of salt." Or if you're so inclined, a bucketload.

Emma Teitel is a national columnist for the Toronto Star. She has been a front-of-the-book columnist for Maclean's magazine for the past four years, focusing on a wide range of subjects including women's issues and popular culture. She won the National Magazine Awards gold award for columns in 2013.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

There's no shame in crying over abuse allegations at Val d'Or

You would have to be there, in Val d'Or, Que., to claim, as many have, that the town is in crisis.

But clearly it is the next flashpoint for fury over the treatment of indigenous Canadians.

The tensions mounting in Val d'Or, population 32,000, are about much more than one set of allegations of police sexually and physically abusing indigenous women.

So, too, are the tears of the provincial public safety minister, shed in response to those allegations, much more than a single show of emotion. In fact, her tears are pivotal.

Lise Theriault was asked how the claims made her feel. She hesitated. Tears welled. Her voice wavered when she answered: "As shocked as the rest of the population."

Watching her, my mind flew to a few weeks ago, when I'd walked through a memorial for missing and murdered indigenous women in Ottawa. It's set up as a semicircle, lined with rows of multicoloured moccasin uppers waiting to be sewn in, a metaphor for the unfinished lives.

The travelling exhibit (booked, incredibly, through 2019) is a kind of ceremony, and not even a tear is inconsequential. Used tissues are collected and included in a ceremonial fire. I watched my cousin — a young mother — cry and cry, overcome.

Tears help participants viscerally, physically "share ... the grieving process all the families and friends have gone through," so it feels like something real instead of a news item, says Kara Louttit, who was raised in Val d'Or and volunteers with the memorial, Walking with Our Sisters. That's what makes Theriault's moment of emotion so powerful. She didn't simply call the allegations upsetting. She actually got upset.

Of course, not all see it that way. Parti Quebecois members have called for her resignation, citing in part her "erratic" behaviour. Police officers felt betrayed. I can see why they are demanding to be presumed innocent.

But I can also see why many others presume the complainants are telling the truth.

Chastising the minister for her tears ignores the wider injustice she is responding to, the pervasive oppression of indigenous people.

Politicians cry over many things — their grandmothers, their colleagues, their own jobs. Theriault cried for an often disempowered and alienated few.

There will be an investigation — by Montreal police, with independent oversight — and officers will have the fullness of our justice system to counter the allegations.

They've always had that, plus the power offered to them as officers in the first place. Now, indigenous women wielding a new, belated power: Recognition.

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What blogging taught fashion insider about love, style, life

Henrietta Walmark
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Style influencer and fashion blogger Garance Doré has added author to her list of accomplishments with the publication of her book, Love Style Life (Spiegel & Grau, $39).

The French illustrator and photographer is the only blogger to win the Council of Fashion Designers of America Eugenia Sheppard Media Award (an award she shared with her former boyfriend Scott Schuman a.k.a. The Sartorialist). She produced a Pardon My French video series and her own line of stationery, as well as collaborating with luxury shirt brand Equipment on a capsule collection featuring her signature illustrations.

So why write a book, Metro asked Doré in a phone interview from New York City where her studio is based.

"It took me a long time to come up with the right idea of what I wanted to do because the blog is such a great way to express yourself. It's not like I was in need of more self expression," says Doré, laughing. "But the idea of a book is that it's a wonderful self-contained object."

The book is gorgeous. Compact and bound in a soft embossed cover the colour of ballet slippers, Love Style Life feels as intimate as a personal notebook. Like Doré's eponymous blog, the memoir is packed with her street photography, distinctive script and illustrations and candid storytelling.

Describing her blog as an ongoing story where it's often hard to see the big picture, she says: "With a book you can be much more clear about your message and what you want to say. That's why I wanted to do a book."

Doré built her message into the structure of Love Style Life. She wanted to talk about style not only because her quest for style brought her to where she is today, but also because of what she learned during a decade of blogging.

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Garance Doré's Love Style Life (top left) includes her illustrations and photos from her life (top right). CONTRIBUTED

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"What I love about the people that inspire me to take their photo I realized, is it's not so much about the clothing that they wear. It's that the clothes are an expression of who they are," she says. "That is real style."

The book is divided into five sections: Doré describes Style as the exterior, Métier as career, Beauty as our intimate relationship with ourselves, Elegance as how to be in the world, and, finally, there is Love.

"If you look at the structure," she says, "it's from the outside to the inside. That's a journey that I've been through and style is the sum of all that."

Doré hopes readers will get to see her in a different light through the book. "To be very honest," she says, "there are some subjects I don't really touch on the blog because of the nature of the Internet, and I go into that world." She reveals the arc of her high-profile relationship with fellow blogger Schuman, and much more about her personal life, from teenage loves to a serious romance with a woman.

"I'm trying to share and to be inspiring because when I was young I couldn't find people that inspired me to be myself," says Dore, "(people) that didn't do the things they were supposed to do, but it was still OK."

PARISIAN OR NEW YORKER?

We asked Doré what about her is typically French. "I'm very frank," she says. "I say things ... In America, people are actually more scared of their feelings and emotions."

Then we asked what is most American about her. "My boyfriend," Doré says, laughing. "Oh my god, there are so many things. First, I say 'oh my god' all the time. My most American thing I do is drink my coffee from a (take-out) cup. That's very American."

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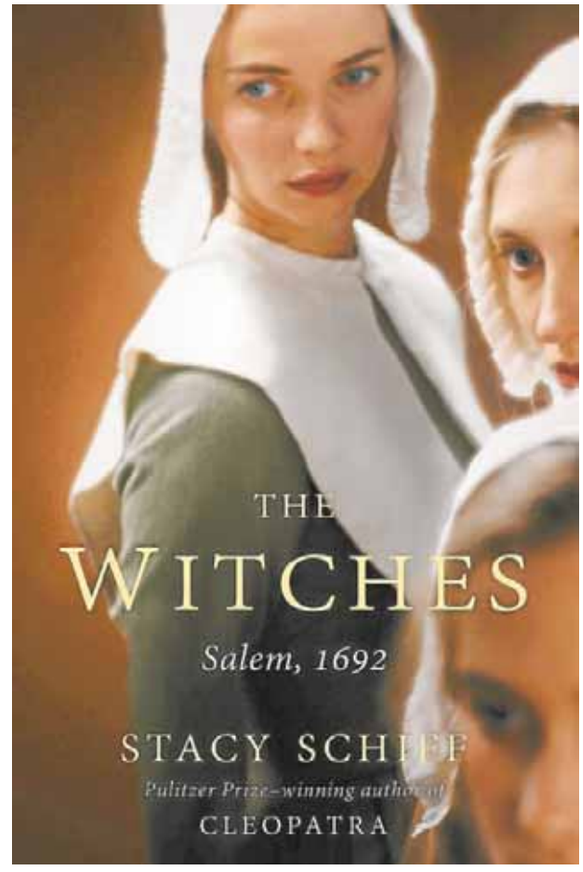


SALEM

Pulitzer winner dives into historical documents

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

One night, if the 1692 court confession is to be believed, Ann Foster and Martha Carrier flew through the Massachusetts sky on a pole. Earlier the same year, two young girls, who claimed they were bitten and pinched by "invisible agents," were witnessed convulsing and speaking gibberish. After relentless interrogation, their family's slave admitted to practicing witchcraft on the children, at the request of a satanic man who appeared under the guise of several animals.

As we prepare for this weekend's invasion of adorable ghosts and goblins, it's hard to imagine that a little more than 300 years ago the fear of witches would lead to these incredible stories and to widespread terror in the Puritan New England colony. Within just a few months, 14 women, five men and two dogs — thought to be their diabolical accomplices — would be executed in what has become one of the most famous but misunderstood trials in American history.

The unfortunate mélange of circumstances that led up to the trials is the subject of celebrated Pulitzer Prize–winning historical biographer Stacy Schiff's fascinating new book, The Witches: Salem, 1692, published by Little Brown. Schiff — whose last book, Cleopatra: A Life, analyzed the life of the last queen of Egypt — researched court documents, archives and personal correspondences in hopes of contextualizing the circumstances that led to the roller-coasting hysteria and accusations of the Salem witch trials.

These days, the only witches residing in the Massachusetts town are related to tourist attractions, but Schiff says that growing up in the state made its history hard to escape. She remembers reading Arthur Miller's play, The Crucible, and the work of Salem native Nathaniel Hawthorn, but was really drawn to the story as a captivating historical moment.

"This is the locked-room drama that I wasn't certain we had ever entirely unpacked.
Author Stacy Schiff

"This is the locked-room drama that I wasn't certain we had ever entirely unpacked, and at the same time it was a moment where women played a prominent role," she says. "I had just come off of Cleopatra and thinking still about women's voices, and when women are able to articulate what they think."

Schiff believes the strain of the rigid Puritan religion, combined with widespread poverty and political uncertainty, and residual trauma from the Indian War, led to the villagers — mostly women — turning on each other. The trials also followed one of the most brutal winters on record, which Schiff speculates contributed to the atmosphere. "I do think that being indoors for those long periods of time — especially for women — plays a role certainly in what you begin to see and how you begin to feel," Schiff says.

In many ways, the trials serve as a warning for our hyper-vigilant online culture. Schiff observed connections between the accusations and contemporary social media, where a single tweet or anonymous comment can go viral and destroy a person's reputation.

"If there's one thing that I hope the reader comes away with, it's a sense of how important open-mindedness and humility about ideas and mercy are," she says.

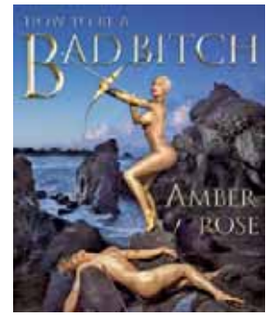
Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

3 CELEB ICON BOOKS

While high-brow books like Garth Risk Hallberg's City Of Fire are worth carving out time for, sometimes a light read is necessary. Here are three books about pop icons out this month. EMILY LAURENCE/METRO

Strong Is The New Sexy by Nicole Polizzi

Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi went from the crazy drunk party girl we all loved on Jersey Shore to a healthy, happy, married mother. If you're a wild child looking to settle down, you'll enjoy Polizzi's tips on everything from working out to locking it down with your S.O. Taking life advice from Snooki? How times have changed.



How To Be A Bad Bitch by Amber Rose

Amber Rose's definition of "bad bitch" is "a self-respecting, strong female who has everything together." The model and actress offers tips on how to do it all in this book, while telling her life story, starting from growing up in a rough side of Philly. Also included are tons of never-before-seen photos from her life in and out of the spotlight.

Kim by Sean Smith

Cosmopolitan recently dubbed the Kardashian-Jenner clan "America's First Family" and at its center is Kim, not just a person but a multi-million dollar franchise queen. Celebrity biographer Sean Smith takes readers through Kim's life and includes some little-known facts. It takes fans truly behind-the-scenes, even more so than the celebrity's infamous E! reality show.

Lindsay Mattick is the great-granddaughter of Harry Colebourn, original owner of Winnie the bear. HANDOUT

"There are two main emotional takeaways from the book: one is the dedication, which is this idea that you never know the impact that one small loving gesture can have."
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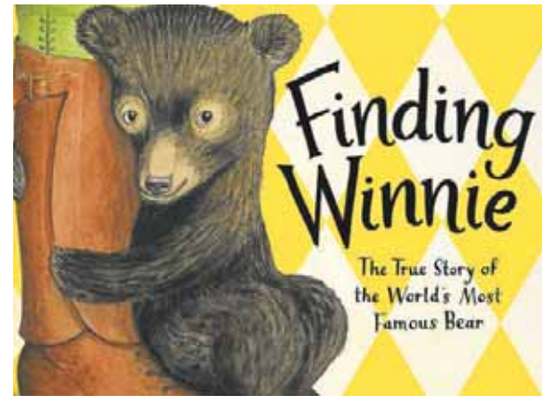

Bear behind famous tale

FINDING WINNIE

New kids' book retells classic Canuck WWI story

Before there was Pooh, Tigger or Eeyore, there was a real bear cub and a helpful veterinarian pal, who were both from Canada.

The new children's book Finding Winnie, which is being eyed for a film adaptation, tells the real Canadian story that inspired A. A. Milne's classic Winnie-the-Pooh tales.

The author is Toronto-based Lindsay Mattick, whose great-grandfather was that very vet, Harry Colebourn of Winnipeg.

"I want people who love Winnie-the-Pooh to understand that the real story behind her is just as beautiful and just as amazing," said Mattick, who has already sold the big-screen rights to the newly published book.

"I'm still blown away that, while a lot of people in Canada certainly know the story and know the history now, around the world it's really still not known.

"People don't even realize that there was a real bear."

Finding Winnie: The True Story of the World's Most Famous Bear is told through a bedtime story session between a mother and her young son, Cole.

As the mother tells Cole in the book, Colebourn was sent away from Winnipeg in 1914 to tend to soldiers' horses overseas.

During a stop on a train platform in White River, Ont., he met a man sitting with a gentle black bear cub and gave him $20 for it, thinking he could take good care of it along his journeys.

Colebourn and the soldiers bonded with and trained the cub, which he called Winnipeg (Winnie). She even became the mascot of the 2nd Canadian Infantry Brigade.

But Colebourn realized he eventually had to give her up, so he brought her to the London Zoo, where he later checked in on her to ensure she was well cared for.

That's where a young boy named Christopher Robin Milne grew to love her — a bond that eventually inspired his dad, Alan Alexander Milne, to write Winnie-the-Pooh.

Sophie Blackall illustrates the book, which includes archival photos.

"There are two main emotional takeaways from the book: one is the dedication, which is this idea that you never know the impact that one small loving gesture can have," said Mattick.

"It's like when my great-grandfather 100 years ago just bought a bear because he loved animals. He couldn't have been thinking that much more than, 'Hey, this will bring a lot of joy to me, to my fellow soldiers.'

"But he had no idea that in this very simple act, all these incredible consequences would come from it."

The other takeaway is "sometimes to let one new story begin, another one needs to end," she added. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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I guess Emma Stone and Andrew Garfield really are never, ever, ever getting back together. Hollywood's coolest couple, who have been "on a break" for most of the year, have apparently officially broken up. Like, a couple of months ago. How do we know this? Because Garfield, who is filming in Sydney, was spotted by a fan leaving a bar with a mystery woman on his arm. When the fan shouted, "Where's Emma Stone?" Garfield apparently responded, "We're not together anymore," according to KIIS FM. I'll understand if you need a minute. NED EHRBAR/METRO HOLLYWOOD

Shelton wants you to know it's all good

Good news, folks. Blake Shelton is totally fine with people making jokes about his divorce from Miranda Lambert. In fact, he's totally ready for them. "This year's going to be awkward at the CMAs, speaking of jokes," he told Seth Meyers. "There's got to be one about me and Miranda. Brad Paisley is not doing his job if he doesn't look down there and go, 'Ha ha!' ... We've had conversations like, 'OK dude, I'll sit there and let you kick me in the face a few times.'" I might actually watch the CMAs. NED EHRBAR/METRO HOLLYWOOD

FASHION

Marc Jacobs' party pinch

INSTAGRAM

According to the New York Post, fashion designer Marc Jacobs hosted a "wild orgy" over the weekend with invitations sent out to ten or so young men via Grindr, a gay hook-up and dating app.

"A source who claimed to have attended the all-male flesh bacchanal told us Jacobs sent guests a shirtless shot, seemingly posing in a walk-in closet, showing his washboard abs — plus two more pics with no pants from the side and back," the Post wrote. According to this source, "Everyone was in their 20s," and attendees allegedly "were using drugs 'G,' for club drug GHB, and 'Tina,' a form of crystal meth." Jacobs himself responded to reports of his hosting a "wild orgy" on Instagram: "Goodbye (for now) Grindr! It was fun for "group" get togethers but what really excites me is my work!" MATT LEE/METRO NEW YORK

HORROR

The Conjuring of a lawsuit

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The family that lives in the Rhode Island farmhouse depicted in The Conjuring are now suing Warner Bros. because the attention the movie has brought them has made life less than awesome. "The biggest fear is that every day we live with the fact that we don't know what may happen," Norma Sutcliffe tells CBS This Morning. "We've had harassing phone calls in the middle of the night. They've had discussions about destroying the house because it's so full of evil. It's a violation of our privacy, but they think they have the right to do it." Sutcliffe and her husband are seeking monetary damages and a state-of-the-art security system. Fine, but can we talk a sec about how awesome The Conjuring was? NED EHRBAR/METRO HOLLYWOOD

Khloe kind of mad at People

DIVORCE FILING

It's still unclear whether Odom and Kardashian are back together

So there's this new interview with Khloe Kardashian in People magazine where she basically says that even though she and Lamar Odom have called off their divorce, it doesn't mean they're actually back together. Except Kardashian herself takes issue with it since most of the interview happened before Odom's collapse, despite how the story is presented.

"My people cover, I shot and interviewed for prior to all the events that happened," she clarified on Twitter. "I had to do a follow-up five-minute phoner after the events only because I was contracted to. I canceled my book tour to avoid this attention." Huh. It's not like a Kardashian to avoid attention.

So what was it the magazine printed that she take such issue with?

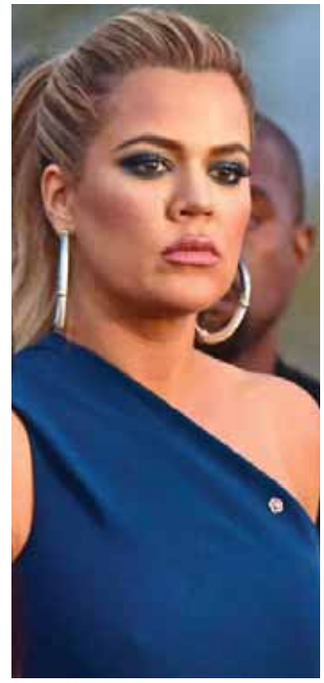
Probably this: "It's out in the media that we are back together, but I wish people understood that's not in our thought process right now. There are too many other important things, too many medical things. It's not even in our brains thinking about us as a couple or having a relationship right now."

Still, Kardashian and Odom have filed a court petition dismissing a divorce filing. "I pulled back on the divorce because there is no rush for it," she told the magazine. "For medical decisions and a ton of other things, it's just smarter that it's put on hold. But that does not mean I'm back with Lamar.... Only time will tell."

According to search warrant records, Odom is believed to have overdosed on cocaine and other drugs before he was found unconscious at the Love Ranch brothel in Crystal, Nevada. He was hospitalized in Las Vegas and transferred to Los Angeles, where his family said on Oct. 22 that he was undergoing therapy and showing improvement.

Kardashian said Odom has a long road to recovery. "Every hour is different," she said. "It goes up and it goes down. Things are progressing, but it's a very serious situation."

A clerk granted an Oct. 21 request to dismiss their divorce filing from December 2013 in such a way that the divorce papers can be filed again at a later date.



Khloe Kardashian GETTY IMAGES

"I love Lamar, and I'll always be there for him like I promised," Kardashian said.

Authorities haven't ruled out the possibility of taking action against the brothel or Odom.

Odom's one-month courtship of Kardashian before their 2009 wedding was taped for the E! network, and Odom appeared on nearly two dozen episodes of Keeping up With the Kardashians as well as other family spin-offs, including their Khloe & Lamar show in 2011 and 2012. NED EHRBAR/METRO HOLLYWOOD WITH FILES FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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What they're a$king

Two-bedroom condominium suites offer homeowners a decent amount of living space with the convenience of condo living. These featured resale residences are ready to move in, and vary in price according to location, size and finishes. **Duncan McAllister** FOR METRO

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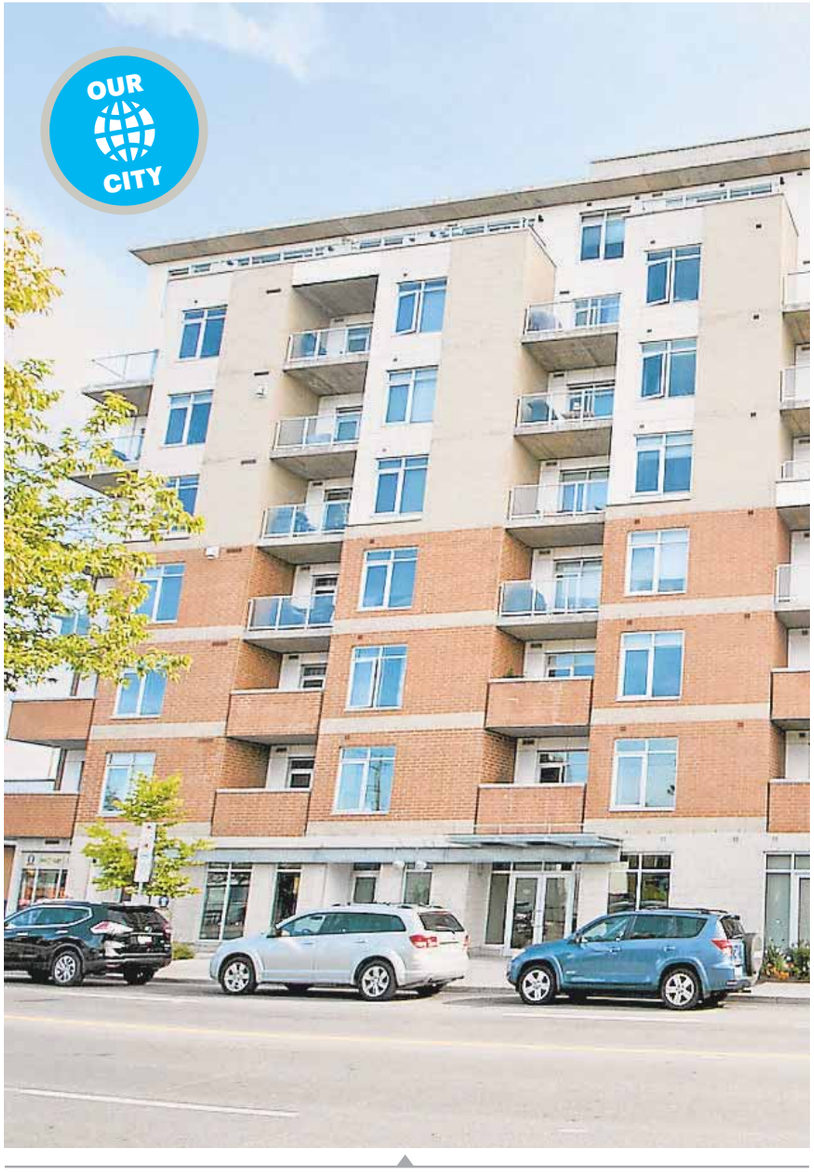

$399,900

Ottawa

Here's a modified two-bedroom, two-bathroom unit located on the quiet and bright east side of this Domicile building at 131 Holland Ave. Built in 2013, the condo is on the border of Wellington West and Hintonburg. The suite features modern finishes throughout with additional built-in storage, and includes an underground parking space and storage locker. The building has a well-equipped gym and a guest suite. Kerry Millican is a sales representative with Royal LePage Team Realty, 613-729-9090.

$232,000

Calgary

Here's a two-bedroom condo that's located on the third floor. This very bright and open suite offers a good-sized kitchen with lots of counter space and a nook area. There is a spacious living room that features patio doors that lead to the deck, a four-piece bathroom and en-suite laundry. The master bedroom offers a full en suite and an underground parking stall is included. Tim Lind and Richard Fleming are sales representatives for RE/Max Real Estate Mountainview, 403-333-0837.

$799,800

Toronto

This elegant two-bedroom unit is located in the highly desirable Yonge and Eglinton neighbourhood, soon to be serviced by the new Eglinton Crosstown LRT. This quiet corner suite has 1,427 sq. ft. of living space and a balcony. There's a large dining and living area with crown moldings. The master bedroom has three large closets and a five-piece en suite. The unit includes two parking spots and a locker. Listing agent Ira Jelinek is with Harvey Kalles Real Estate Brokerage, 416-464-1022.

$475,000

Vancouver

This two-bedroom, two-bathroom suite built in 2012 is in a quality Bosa building in the Brentwood Park area in Burnaby. There's an open kitchen with stainless steel appliances, and a gas stove with convection oven; colour scheme by interior designer Cristina Oberti for the kitchen; and spa-like bathroom fixtures. The bedrooms feature thermally-insulated blackout shades, and a water purification tap. Listing agent is Keith Roy with RE/Max Select on Main Street, 604-210-2933.

$869,900

Halifax

This 2,167-sq.-ft. condo in Bedford has plenty of upgrades. Listing agent Cheryl Jenkins says this unit has the best view at the Dockside Condominiums with the panoramic harbour, bridges and marina vistas. The condo features a top-floor lifestyle with an open-concept layout and hardwood floors. The kitchen has a walk-in pantry and the master bedroom has a walk-in closet and en suite with a soaker tub and two sinks. Jenkins is with Keller Williams Select Realty, 902-403-6655.

$319,900

Winnipeg

This 1,172-sq.-ft., rarely available, two-bedroom, two-bathroom suite features an open-concept living and dining room with space for a large family table, which leads to a fully enclosed, east-facing balcony. The kitchen includes all appliances, and the master bedroom has a large walk-in closet and four-piece en suite. Condo amenities include a common room with pool table and a large park-like outdoor space. Chad Friesen is a sales representative with Ethos Realty Inc., 204-888-3393.

$975,000

Edmonton

Here's a luxury two-bedroom penthouse in Meridian Plaza. The unit features 1,636 sq. ft. of living space, two bathrooms, two underground parking stalls, and hand-scraped walnut hardwood flooring. The kitchen features a huge island and a one-slab granite countertop. There are two fireplaces, and a hot tub on one of the two balconies. The large master suite features a spa-like en suite including a walk-in closet. Brent MacIntosh is a sales representative with RE/Max River City, 780-920-0384.

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Karl Lohnes
For Metro Canada

Sunnemo Large Lamp Shade
Add glamour over a dining room table or on a floor lamp. $39, IKEA.ca

Clip Brass Light
Clip to the top of a mirror or painting, or add a couple along the top of a bookcase for sexy downward lighting. $100, CB2.com

Magenta & Orange Stripe DIY Fabric Wire
Add a jolt of colour when re-wiring a boring or vintage lamp. $1.50 per foot, ColorCord.com

BAZZ Table Lamp
The simplest base to hold the fanciest of lampshades.
$32, RONA.ca

Globe Electric Vintage Lightbulbs
A vintage glow comes from the past.
$22/set of 3, HomeDepot.ca

GHOST Table Lamp
Set the tone of your room with over a dozen different colour options. $64, ZoneMaison.com

According to FOX, the World Series opener received a 9.0 rating — the highest-rated Game 1 since 2009

‘Excited’ Chan to reignite Hanyu rivalry after hiatus

FIGURE SKATING

Torontonian ready to battle Japanese ace at event in Alberta

It might be the fiercest rivalry in figure skating. Almost two years after Patrick Chan stepped off the Sochi Olympic ice beaten and heartbroken, having lost gold to Japan’s Yuzuru Hanyu, the two face off once again at this week’s Skate Canada International in Lethbridge, Alta.

It’s Chan’s first major international competition since taking a year off. It’s also the first time he’ll compete against his young Japanese rival since Sochi.

Yuzuru Hanyu GETTY IMAGES

“I’m excited … just for the sheer adrenalin rush,” Chan said. “I don’t think it could have worked out better. It will be a great comparison to see … first of all, someone who’s been extremely successful since the Olympics and continued to dominate (Hanyu), and someone who’s had a year off, and has been successful in different ways.” Chan looked to have gold in his grasp in Sochi, after a flawed program by Hanyu. But Chan faltered as well, and the three-time world champion walked away from competition to consider his future after his second-place finish.

He didn’t stray far though. Chan, who said he accepted the results from the Olympics “a long time ago,” skated on several show tours, which took him around the world and saw him perform several times a week. Hanyu, meanwhile, continued to compete after Sochi and finished second behind Spain’s Javier Fernandez at the world championships last March.

Chan has eased himself back into competing by skating in a couple of smaller events, including the Japan Open where he had “a banana-peel slip” just seconds into his long program, and then didn’t land a quad. He finished third.

“I was nervous and wasn’t comfortable in the competition environment anymore,” he said. “I have to get back into the world of competitive skating as opposed to show skating, it’s very different, and the only way to get better at it, and to get more comfortable is to keep competing.”

He unveiled his new short program — to Michael Buble’s version of Mack the Knife — at a minor competition in Quebec. The 24-year-old from Toronto is taking a patient approach to this season. It might take some time before he can reel off his big quad jumps. But he said his sights are set firmly on the world championships in Boston in March.

Patrick Chan of Canada competes in the Men’s Singles Free Skating during the 2015 Japan Open. He recently took a year away from figure skating to show skate. KOKI NAGAHAMA/GETTY IMAGES

> **I am skating with a bit of lightness and a breath of fresh air in my skating.**
> Figure skater Patrick Chan

And regardless of the results this week, Chan said he’s excited to show the more mature side of his skating, honed in a year under the show tour spotlight.

“I’m skating with a bit of lightness and a breath of fresh air in my skating, and that’s something that was missing over the last two seasons,” Chan said.

Nam Nguyen, a 17-year-old from Toronto who won the Canadian championships last season in Chan’s absence, is also among the field. Canada’s world champions Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford headline the pairs field. Duhamel, from Lively, Ont., and Radford, from Balmertown, Ont., perfected the quad throw Lutz in the off-season — they already do the quad throw Salchow. Kaetlyn Osmond of Marystown, N.L., makes her return to the Grand Prix circuit after a broken leg kept her out all of last season.

Kaitlyn Weaver and Andrew Poje, both of Waterloo, Ont., are the favourites in ice dance. Weaver and Poje won bronze at the world championships last spring in Shanghai.

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IN BRIEF

injured Raonic forced to pull out of Paris event

Milos Raonic’s injury woes have forced him out of another high-profile tennis tournament in Paris.

Milos Raonic AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Organizers of the Paris Masters confirmed Wednesday on Twitter that the hard-serving Canadian has withdrawn from the event because of a back injury.

The tournament is a crucial stop for players trying to lock down one of eight spots in the ATP Tour final. Raonic is currently ranked 14th in the race to the lucrative London tournament and is all but certain to miss out. Raonic also missed the French Open earlier this season due to foot surgery.

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List of FIFA presidential candidates released

Seven men are in the running to replace Sepp Blatter as FIFA president, with Michel Platini’s candidature accepted but pending because of his suspension from soccer. FIFA published the list of valid applications on Wednesday.

The seven candidates for the Feb. 26 election are: Platini, Prince Ali bin al-Hussein, Gianni Infantino, Tokyo Sexwale, Musa Bility, Jerome Champagne and Sheikh Salman bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa.

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Cook's season over before it began

ALPINE SKIING

Canadian hopes rest on Guay, Hudec

The good news for the Canadian men's alpine ski team is Erik Guay and Jan Hudec are back from knee injuries and ready to start the downhill season in Lake Louise. The bad news is Dustin Cook is not.

Cook's season ended before it began with major knee surgery scheduled for Nov. 12 in London, Ont.

The 26-year-old from Ottawa had a breakout 2014-15 with super-G silver at the world championship and a World Cup victory.

But Cook tore several ligaments in his right knee while training in Pitzall, Austria, last week. He will not race this season.

"Obviously bummed, but I always said if I got hurt, I would be positive and do whatever I can to get back," Cook told The Canadian Press from Toronto on Wednesday.

The men's World Cup speed season opens Nov. 28 in Lake Louise with the first downhill, followed by a super-G race the following day at the Alberta resort west of Calgary.

Guay is Canada's most decorated World Cup skier with 22 medals. Hudec won Olympic bronze in super-G in 2014.

> **At my age, it's not realistic to have no injuries or no pain when you ski.**
> Erik Guay

Guay took a season off from racing for the first time in his career. The 34-year-old from Mont-Tremblant, Que., wasn't ready to race last winter after a pair of surgeries on his left knee in 2014.

Hudec's campaign ended early because of a torn meniscus in his right knee. The Calgarian underwent season-ending surgery in January.

Both men say they're ready to race in Lake Louise. Manny Osborne-Paradis of Invermere, Alta., was second in downhill in 2014 for Canada's first medal on home snow since 2009. A healthy Cook would have given Canada's men another medal threat in their home World Cup race.

"It was definitely in the back of our minds for sure," Cook said. "I hope those guys have a great season and I think they will. I definitely want to get back competing with and against them for sure."

Hudec's knee didn't recover as quickly as he hoped from surgery. The 34-year-old didn't get back on snow until Oct. 8.

"I feel confident in my strength and the work I've done at the gym, so it's just fine-tuning before the race season starts," Hudec said. "For me, it's not a matter of having a lot of volume of skiing. It's just being strong enough to ski how I want to ski. I feel like I'm at that place."

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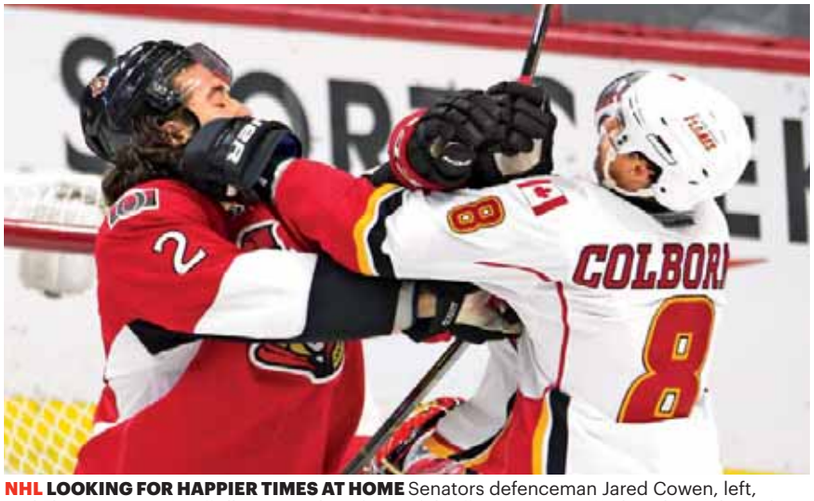
Ottawa's Dustin Cook tore several ligaments in his right knee while training. CHRISTOPHE PALLOT/AGENCE ZOOM/GETTY IMAGES



NHL LOOKING FOR HAPPIER TIMES AT HOME Senators defenceman Jared Cowen, left, and Flames centre Joe Colborne jostle in front of the Ottawa net on Wednesday night at the Canadian Tire Centre. The Sens were trying to snap a four-game home losing streak. For the story, go to metronews.ca. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

BLUE JAYS

Beeston silent on future of GM

Outgoing Blue Jays president Paul Beeston says he won't comment on the future of general manager Alex Anthopoulos because "Alex always likes to keeps his affairs private and I think I have to respect that."

"At some point in time I may be prepared to talk about it. But I think right now I would say I've got nothing to say about it," Beeston said Wednesday in a radio appearance on Sportsnet 590 The Fan. "I just hope it all works out."

Anthopoulos, whose deal expires this week, deflected questions about his contract status during his season wrap-up news conference Monday.

He will be dealing with new Toronto president Mark Shapiro, who is set to succeed the retiring Beeston.

"There is not anything I'm going to say about Alex other than the fact that his affairs are private," Beeston said.

Beeston did acknowledge that Anthopoulos is "kind of my horse." Anthopoulos, then assistant GM, took over after Beeston fired J.P. Ricciardi as general manager in 2009. He helped the Jays to the American League Championship Series this season with a string of high-profile moves at the trade deadline.

"I've watched this man grow into the job," Beeston said. "It's very funny that after six years he is kind of like what a player would be — he's kind of a free agent in some respects. He is in his best years right now. He has learned a lot from his mistakes. We all make mistakes — some were public, some that aren't public. He's learned from that, he doesn't make the same mistake twice. And he's got guts, he's got everything else."

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WORLD SERIES

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RECIPE Roasted Butternut Squash and Sweet Pear Soup

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

As comforting as your favourite nubby sweater, this soup has a subtle sweetness.

Ready in
Prep time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 2 lb butternut Squash, peeled, seeded and cut into 2 inch chunks
- 3 shallots, quartered
- 3 heirloom carrots, cut lengthwise and then in half
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt, divided
- 3 cup vegetable broth
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup apple cider or water
- 3/4 cup pear puree
- Sour cream or Greek style yogurt for garnish

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 F.
2. Place squash, shallots, carrots and garlic in a large bowl and toss with the olive oil and 1/4 teaspoon salt.
3. Spread vegetables in a single layer on a large, rimmed baking sheet and roast in the oven for 50 to 55 minutes, or until fork tender. Let cool.
4. Place vegetables and 2 cups of vegetable broth into a blender and puree until smooth. Pour the puree into a large sauce pan over medium-low heat and stir in the rest of the broth, milk, water or apple cider, pear puree and remaining salt. Allow soup to cook until hot for about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
5. Serve with Greek style yogurt or sour cream.

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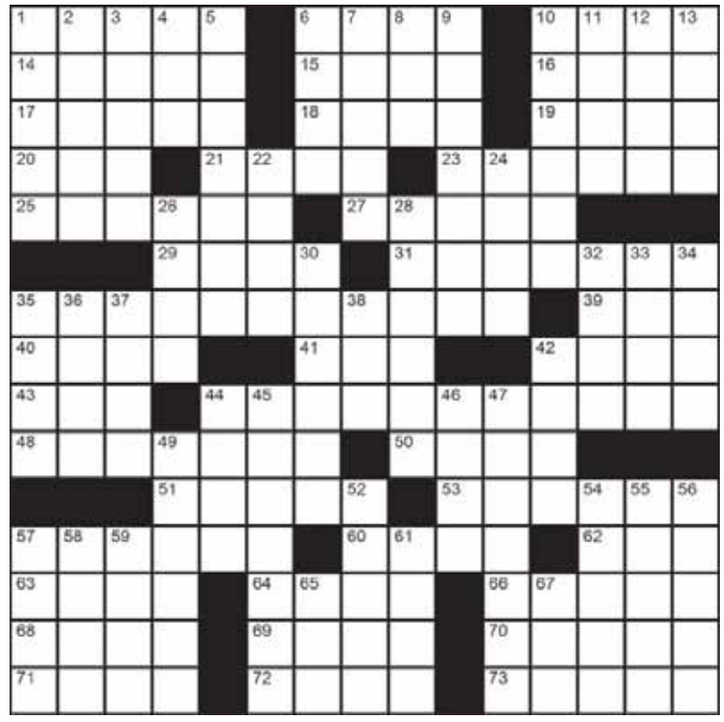

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25. Variety of flatfish
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66. Squishy impact sound effect in comics
68. Hollywood legend Lillian
69. Fertilizer ingredient
70. Remove the pencil markings
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2. Gambling mecca in China
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4. Regret
5. Arm 'sleeve' drawings
6. Key
7. Ritual site
8. Bird of myth
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10. Coffin occupant
11. Jai _
12. CNN journalist Bill
13. Exclusive
22. Salt Lake City's locale
24. Agile
26. Welsh opera singer Mr. Terfel
28. Ghost town building
30. Riots
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33. Depend on
34. Notices
35. Pine for
36. Be sore
37. Really beat, in sports
38. Small, small-ly
42. Wild goat
44. Kite part
45. Horrific
46. Types of orchestras, for short
47. Bloodsucking bugs
49. Anvil-user's workshop
52. Remote's target: 2 wds.
54. "Monster-_-_" (2005)
55. Terminate
56. Weasel kin
57. Pre-riches duds
58. Modify
59. Certain credit card
61. Airport scr. postings
65. Mr. Geller
67. Before

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
It's not like you to have such a thin skin. Get over worrying about other people's reactions, because you will soon have to do something that not everyone will agree with.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Any worries about an affair of the heart will be laid to rest. You have never been more loved and admired. The sooner you recognize that fact the happier you will be.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
If a relationship of a practical nature is to be a success you are going to have to give ground. No matter how independent-minded a Gemini you may be you must make an effort to meet others halfway today.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
The next few days should get even better, especially if you have the courage to follow your instincts. Ignore those who dissuade.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You must be decisive when dealing with others. If you give the impression that you don't know what you are doing they may lose confidence in you and go to someone else for the advice and assistance they need.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may disapprove of what a friend is doing but don't tell them. According to the planets they are being forced by events over which they have no control. Maybe you should support them.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
After the trials and tribulations of the past few days what happens next will be more to your liking. You may even receive news of a windfall that solves a financial problem. Will it stop your reckless spending habits?

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Even if you are feeling a bit run down the Sun in your sign will revive you and give you a second wind. Be careful with money though. Spend less and save more.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A positive attitude is essential. Whatever issues you have to face, you are big enough and tough enough to deal with them. The right frame of mind will get you the right result.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Someone you meet on your travels could be very important to you career-wise. Once you have made contact be sure to develop a friendship.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The Sun in the career area of your chart will make it easier for you to take center stage. But once you have made a good impression you must keep it going. It is not enough to be a star just for a day or two.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
If you have a longing to travel, to visit faraway places, you will almost certainly be on the move over the next few weeks. The Sun in Scorpio will awaken your sense of adventure. It's time to start doing!

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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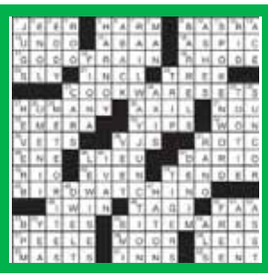

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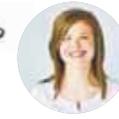

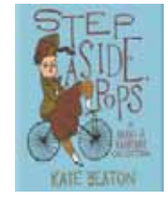

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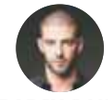

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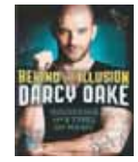

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